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APPLICANT: HENNHÖFER ET AL.

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EXAMINER: R. KUNEMUND

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TITLE: PROCESS FOR TREATING A POLISHED SEMICONDUCTOR
WAFER IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SEMICONDUCTOR WAFER
HAS BEEN POLISHED

RESPONSE TO NONFINAL OFFICE ACTION

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ATT: BOX FEE AMENDMENT
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Nonfinal Office Action dated April 19, 2002, with the time for reply having been extended for two months, or until September 19, 2002.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this patent application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

The Patent Examiner has rejected claims 6, 7, and 9-16 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Fabray et al* in view